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SUBJECT: KELLY LEGISLATION ON CUBAN EXPORTS TO U.S.

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1. CONGRESSMAN KELLY DID INTRODUCE A BILL TO BAN IMPORTS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM CUBA (H.R. 13375 INTRODUCED JUNE 29, 1978). IMPORTS OF CITRUS, WINTER VEGETABLES AND TROPICAL FRUIT WOULD BE BANNED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1990. BAN WOULD APPLY TO ALL FORMS OF THESE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CANNED FRUITS AND JUICES. SUGAR IS NOT INCLUDED. COPY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION BEING POUCHED TO USINT.

2. BILL IS NOT ON "PRIORITY LIST" OF TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO WHICH IT WAS REFERRED AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ACTED UPON DURING THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SESSION OF CONGRESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KELLY PLANS TO INTRODUCE BILL AGAIN IN NEXT SESSION.

3. REASONING BEHIND BILL IS TO GIVE U.S. PRODUCERS OF THESE PRODUCTS A "BREATHING PERIOD" IN WHICH TO PREPARE FOR CUBAN IMPORT COMPETITION SHOULD TRADE EMBARGO BE LIFTED.
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